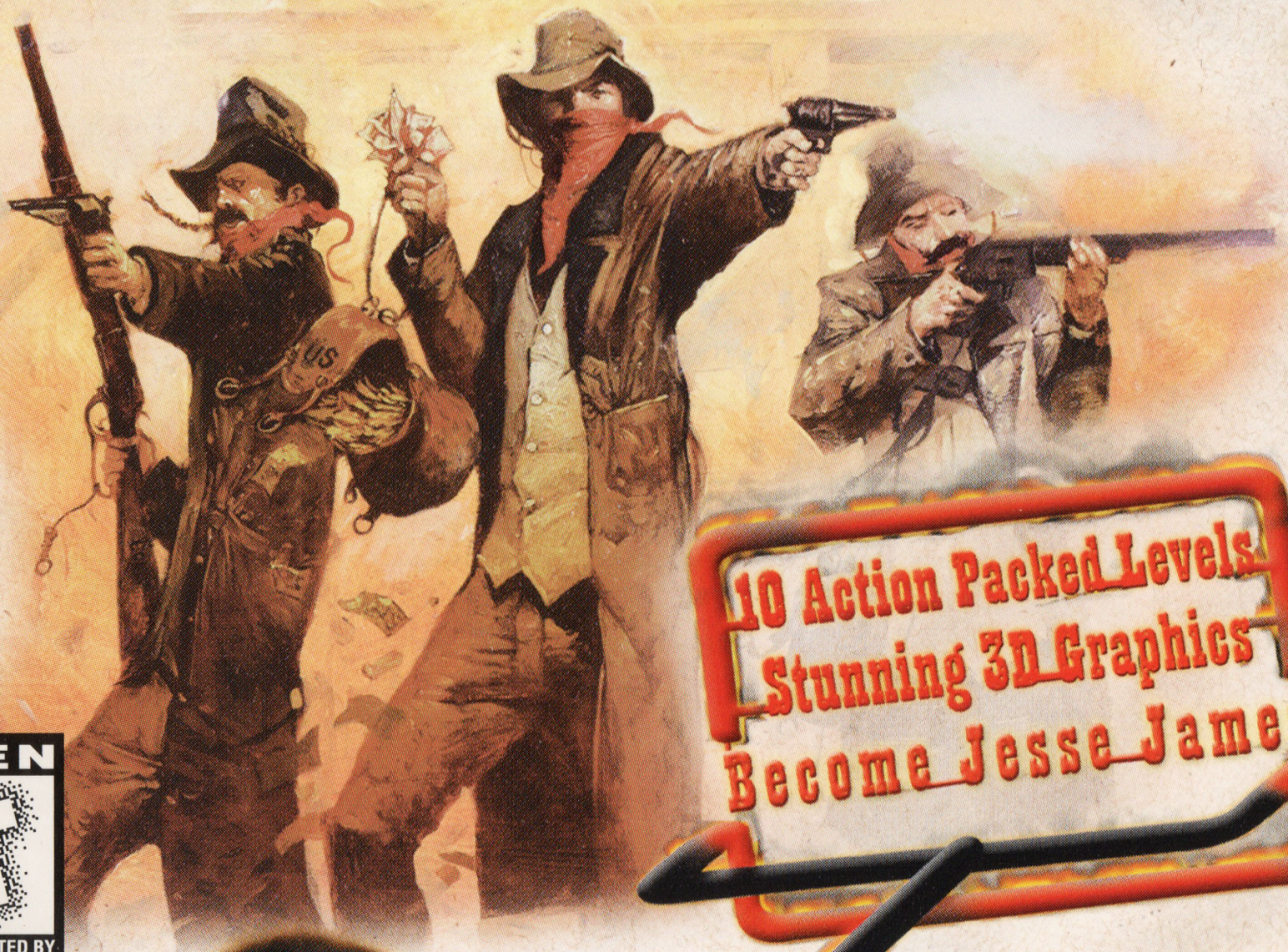
WINDOWS 95/98

AN OLD WEST ACTION GAME

DESPERADOS

BE QUICK... OR BE DEAD



10 Action Packed Levels
Stunning 3D Graphics
Become Jesse James

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Main Menu:

After you launch the game you will be taken to the main menu, which consists of the following options:

New Game:	Start a new game.
Load Game:	Continue to play a previously saved game.
Save Game:	Save a game you are currently playing.
Options:	Customize the game options.
Help:	Access the in-game help menu
Quit:	Quit the game and exit to Windows.

Start:

• The year is 1866. You play the role of the infamous outlaw, Jesse James, in ten of the most incredible robberies ever to take place. These are actual robberies that were committed by the James brothers and their gang, including the first successful daytime bank robbery. You will relive bank, train, and stagecoach robberies throughout the game.

• At the beginning of each level, you are presented with an introduction animation that will explain the upcoming level. You will be shown your objectives in that level as well as the hazards you will have to overcome. It is important that you watch the animation to insure that you are ready for anything that could happen in the game. Once the animation is completed, you are then thrust into the robbery scene as Jesse James.

• To shoot, you must use the mouse to aim and pull the trigger. To shoot an enemy character, simply place the cross-hair cursor over that enemy and press the left mouse button. The location that you shoot your enemy will determine whether or not each shot is fatal. It is not uncommon for you to have to shoot your enemy multiple times before they die. Be sure to keep an eye on your ammunition. Not only do you have a very limited supply of ammunition, you will be forced to reload your weapon after firing a certain number of shots. The capacity of the weapon is based upon the weapon itself. Your trusty revolver is the weakest but can be shot six times before reloading. In comparison, the shotgun is the most powerful weapon, capable of killing most men in a single shot, but it can only be shot twice before reloading. The act of reloading does take approximately 1 second so be sure to reload during breaks in the action or it might not be there for you when you need it most.

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• At the beginning of each level, you are given a revolver. As you proceed through each level, power-up items will appear that you can collect. These power-ups include rifles, shotguns and first-aid kits. The rifles and shotguns are much more powerful weapons than your revolver and will be a great advantage to you. However, once you run out of ammunition for these weapons, you will revert back to your revolver until you find another power-up. First-aid packs will heal you and in the process provide more health bars enabling you to fight longer. Each of the power-up items is collected by shooting them when they appear on the screen.

• There are two types of characters in the game, those that are hostile to you and those that are friendly. The hostile characters include sheriffs, Pinkerton agents, rifleman, posses and many others who want nothing else but to stop the James gang. These are characters that will actively shoot at you so you must kill them at all costs. The friendly characters include townsfolk, women and innocent bystanders. These people will never attack you and you shouldn't attack them. If you do accidentally kill a friendly character, your player will receive a health penalty.

• Each of the levels continues until the player successfully completes them or runs out of health and dies. At any time in the level, the player has the option of hitting the ESC key and accessing a game menu. The game menu is identical to the main menu with one difference; a Resume Game button will replace the New Game option. Selecting resume game will allow you to return to the current game exactly where you left off. You may also choose to save your game, load a previously saved game or quit altogether and return to Windows without saving. If you wish to save your game and exit you must first select Save and then choose Exit.

• During several of the levels, the player will be confronted with numerous game puzzles. These puzzles play an integral part of the game and can affect the outcome. In several instances, hints are given to the player in the introduction animation so keep your mind and eyes open and you,ll be able to figure out the puzzles. Good luck!

Technical Support:

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Installation:

Place the Desperados CD into your computer an option menu will appear on the screen and four options will be provided; Install Game, Run Game, Install DirectX and Exit. If it has been installed, the Install Game option will be removed from the menu.

If the option menu fails to load once the CD-ROM has been inserted, or if you have auto insert notification disabled on your computer, you can access the menu by going to your Windows, Start menu and going to Run. Type D:\autorun.exe into the run command line and click OK. If a letter other than D represents your CD-ROM drive, then replace the D with the letter your system uses to refer to the CD-ROM drive.

To install the game click on Install Game and the installation of Desperados will begin. During the installation, you will have the option of selecting the directory and program icon folder where the game should be installed. If you are unfamiliar with these items, we recommend that you use the default settings. Once the installation of the game is complete, the next step involves Microsoft's DirectX technology. For the game to run properly your computer must have DirectX version 6.1a or greater installed. If you are unsure which version of DirectX your system if running, we recommend that you install the version of DirectX included on the Desperados CD. Return to the options menu and select the Install DirectX option. The DirectX install will determine which version is currently installed on your system and update if necessary. If an update was necessary, you will be required to restart your computer following the installation. You are now ready to play!

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